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Our Next Bishop

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Mark Tanner named as next Bishop of Chester

The 12 May was quite a day for the diocese. The Rt Revd Mark Tanner was named by Downing Street as the next Bishop of Chester, succeeding Bishop Peter Forster who retired in September 2019.

Bishop Mark is currently the Bishop of Berwick in the Diocese of Newcastle, a post he has occupied since 2016.

"It will be hard to say goodbye to the North East," he said, "however, Lindsay and I are really excited to return to

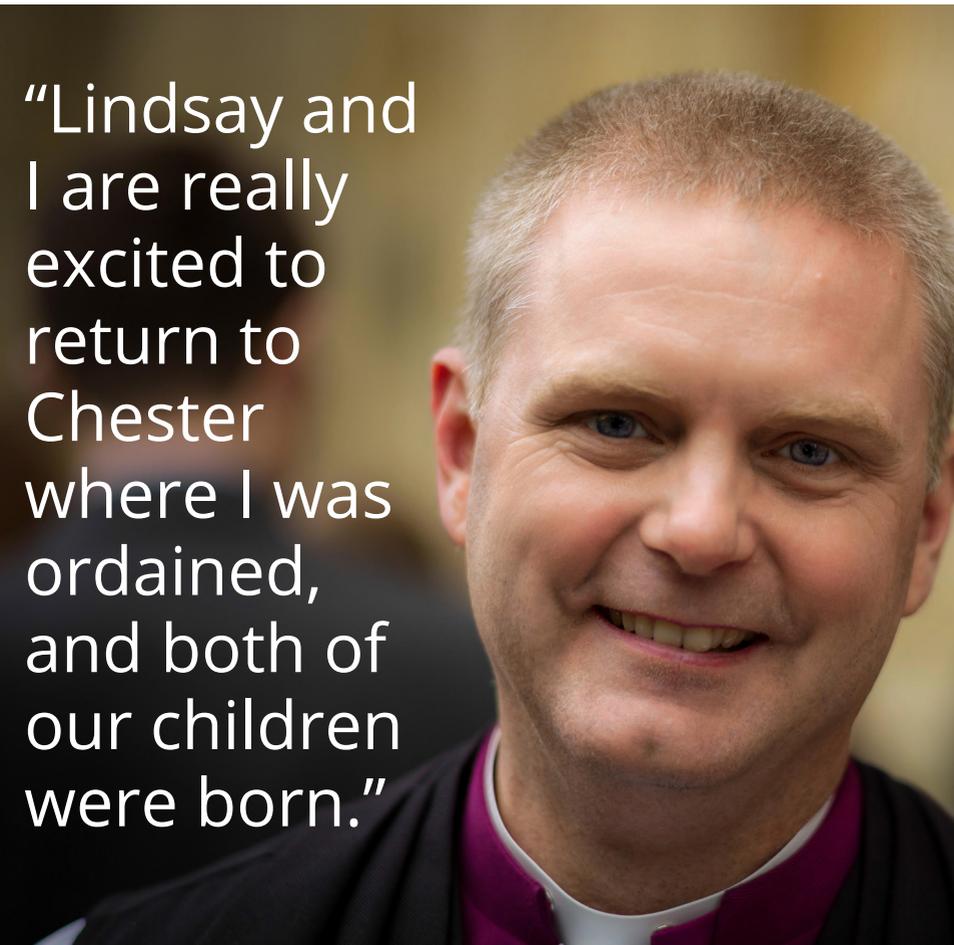
Chester where I was ordained, and both of our children were born."

Mark said: "It is an honour and a joy to be appointed to the Diocese of Chester at such a key time in the life of our communities, nation, and Church. In Christ, God offers a gift of hope beyond our imagining; there is no greater joy or privilege than enabling others to step into this freedom and life, whether in deeply practical service or beautiful wonder and worship. God is here for all."

Bishop Mark and his wife,



Bishop Mark, his wife Lindsay and children, Pippa and Jonathan



Lindsay, were introduced to the diocese online via a series of live-streamed events. Members of the public watched and participated via Facebook and Zoom.

"I look forward to getting to know the people and communities of the diocese from the coast to the Pennines, as we refresh and renew our service of every member of society within our diocese."

The Bishop of Birkenhead, the Rt Revd Keith Sinclair said: "It is a great joy to be able to welcome Mark

and Lindsay back to the Diocese of Chester. To be ordained deacon and priest here and then to be called back as bishop is a special gift of God. Mark brings fresh eyes and energy to a diocese in which he is no stranger. He sees God working in our life here and is ready for the challenges we face in living and speaking the gospel of Jesus for today. I know his deep prayerfulness in the Spirit and thank God for his joyful faith. The whole diocese has been praying, and we thank God for answered prayer!"

12 May - The day of the announcement



Just minutes after the announcement by Downing Street, Archdeacon Ian hosts a live-streamed event to welcome and "meet" Bishop Mark and his wife Lindsay. It was watched by thousands of people.

Pupils from five Church of England schools in our diocese sang and prayed for Bishop Mark.



Filmed atop a hill in Northumberland, Mark and Lindsay say how much they are looking forward to coming to the Diocese of Chester.



People from across the Diocese of Chester welcome Bishop Mark in a joyful compilation of messages stitched together into one video.



Mark is interviewed on BBC Radio Merseyside about his appointment and return to the diocese in the Autumn.

#WeAreChesterDiocese

Mark Tanner asks for your thoughts on what the diocese needs.

Shortly after Bishop Mark Tanner was announced as the next Bishop of Chester, he posted a video online in which he shared an idea that he hopes will help to shape the start of his episcopal ministry in the Diocese of Chester.

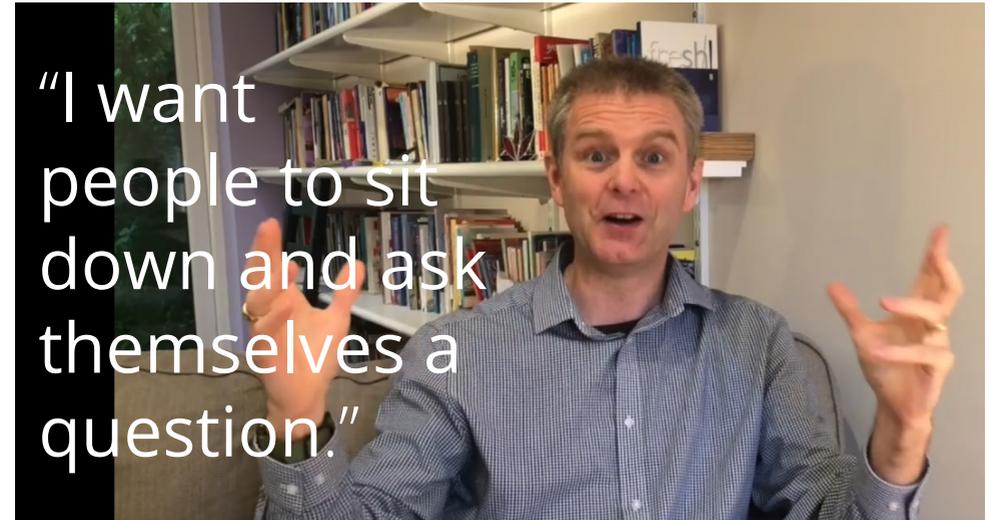
In the video, he asked people and parishes to create and share a short video explaining what it is we each want to see God do in our lives and amongst our churches and communities.

Mark says: "I want people to sit down and ask themselves a question: 'what is it that I really want to see God doing among us?' Once you've made the video, put it on social media and remember to include the hashtag #WeAreChesterDiocese."

Though Bishop Mark has yet to move to Chester, he is very much in touch with the diocese and is very interested in what parishes are doing. By sharing your video using the hashtag #WeAreChesterDiocese, Bishop Mark will be able to find and watch your posts easily and will be better able to understand what the people of the diocese are praying for and what it is God is calling each of us to.

If you are unable to post a video on social media for whatever reason, you can still post a message on social media, such as Facebook and Twitter etc, without including a video. Simply include the hashtag #WeAreChesterDiocese and Bishop Mark will still be able to find it and view it.

See Bishop Mark's video at:
<http://tiny.cc/wearechesterdiocese>



Bishop Mark Tanner in his video explaining #WeAreChesterDiocese

#WeAreChesterDiocese

How to get involved - It's simple

Step 1: Grab your camera or phone

Step 2: Set the camera running and say:

"Hi, my name is..... I'm from....."

"I'm really praying that God will help us to....."

(please make your response longer than the dotted line implies)

End your video clip by saying, "We Are Chester Diocese"

Step 3: Post your video to social media and remember to include #WeAreChesterDiocese in the description.

Events

For more events visit our website: www.chester.anglican.org/events



Poetry Break

11 June 2020 - Online

A meeting for poetry lovers to gather online and hear and share poetry from across the diocese. To join us, visit our events page at www.chester.anglican.org/events



Instagram for churches

16 June 2020 - Online

The Church of England Digital Team will be explaining how you create an account for your church, and what kind of content should you be posting. <https://tinyurl.com/y7xzccfx>



Receiving online donations

18 June 2020 - Online

A live webinar organised by the Church of England explaining how to set up online donations. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. <https://tinyurl.com/yce2nhuu>



Facebook groups

2 July 2020 - Online

A one hour webinar with the Church of England Digital Team, covering, creating a group, settings, safeguarding and dealing with negativity. <https://tinyurl.com/ydb4pevu>



Foundations for Ministry

Starts in September 2020

Beginning in September, this course is open to anyone who wants to grow and develop in Christian ministry. Email the ministry department jane.hood@chester.anglican.org